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TRACTION FARE GRAB PLOT GETS TEST OF VOTE TO-DAY; PUBLIC HEARING WAS JOKE

Judiciary Committee Had
Power to Act, Says Martin,
and Absentee Stitt Agrees.

STEAM ROLLER BUSY.

Speaker Sweet's Machine
Promptly Crushes Move
for Reconsideration.

By Joseph S. Jordan

Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening

ALBANY, April 20.—An attempt will be made to-day to rush through the Assembly the Jenks traction bills which have already acquired an unsavory reputation in the Capitol. According to Chairman Martin of the Judiciary Committee, last night, the public hearing accorded the increased fare measures wasn't even a sop to the public. It was granted apparently merely to gratify Louis Cuvillier, one of the committee.

Assemblyman George N. Jesse of New York introduced a resolution to have the action of the Judiciary Committee, in reporting the bills to the Rules Committee, reconsidered, but Speaker Sweet's steam roller ran over it rough shod and it was laid on the table for action to-day, by which time the bills, "copies of which will be on the desks of all the members," as the law requires, will be on their way to final passage.

These are the bills which, among other things, give the Public Service Commission the power to set aside contracts, charter and franchise provision and increase street car fares after six months if local authorities fail to agree with railroad officials as to the increase meantime.

The bills were introduced at the eleventh hour when it was supposed by those behind them the time for a public hearing on them had gone by for the reason that all legislation in the Assembly had been referred to the Committee on Rules. It happened, though, that the life of the Judiciary Committee had been extended, as it had in its hands the investigation of the Anti-Saloon League and the Anderson contempt proceedings.

EVENING WORLD EXPOSURE
FORCED A HEARING.

Public opinion forced a hearing when The Evening World revealed what was behind the secret bills. More than 500 men and women came to the Capitol and the views of experts and laymen were laid before the Judiciary Committee. Then on last Friday morning the Judiciary Committee voted that the bills had no place in that committee and decided that they should be sent to the Rules Committee, where passage was practically assured them.

This decision was not arrived at without a fight. Of the Committee of Thirteen, there were two absentees, William S. Evans of the Bronx, Democrat, and Theodore Stitt of Kings, Republican. Had one of them been present the result would have been a

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"PROPERTY" PISTOL IN ACTRESS'S HANDS LOOSENS HIS TEETH

"They Chattered Too Much,"
Says Anna Wheaton, Who
Denies She Hit Electrician.

The lady-like property revolver of the Harris Theatre, loaded with property blanks guaranteed to bang loud enough to lend realism to anybody's melodrama, will be Exhibit A in the West Side Court to-morrow when Anna Wheaton, leading lady of "Three Showers," explains to Magistrate Schwab how she nearly frightened the life out of an electrician last night.

The electrician is still alive, but he says his gold teeth are loose as a result of his terrible experience and he doesn't want to meet that lady alone any more. His name is Fred J. Haines, he lives at No. 414 West 57th Street and he was still a bit pale when he appeared in court to-day to ask for a summons.

"I'm afraid of that woman," he confessed. "Without her doing anything at all to irritate her she suddenly comes out to the wings last night and shakes me. Then she hits me a crack in the jaw. Then she smashed my hat down over my eyes. And then, Judge, she pulls a gun on me and I throw up my hands and backs out. Now, what's going to be done about that?"

Magistrate Schwab said he would like to hear from the woman in the case, and he ordered that a summons be issued.

"And if you are afraid of the gun you can take a policeman with you," said the court.

An Evening World reporter called up Miss Wheaton, who was breakfasting at the Richmond Hotel. She giggled.

"Is he serious?" she demanded. "Well, well, I'll tell you what it was. Right in the midst of the first set this electrician began to talk so loud that I thought the people out front could hear him. When I came off I gave him a tap on the face—just a little tap, you know—and told him not to talk so loud.

"In the next act he talked just as loud as ever. That's the act where I use that property gun, you know. Everybody in the theatre, including the audience, knows it's loaded with blanks—but it seems this electrician must have thought it had real bullets."

"I pointed it at him—just as a joke—and you ought to have seen how pale he got. He put his hands up in the air and begged me not to shoot. I thought he was just acting, too—and that he was a pretty good actor for an amateur. I hadn't the least idea he was serious—that he would go to court! You say he claims his teeth are loose? That must be from the way they chattered!"

She said she would be only too glad to go see the Judge.

BROOKLYN STORE TO CUT SHOE AND CLOTHING PRICES

Loeser & Co. to Co-operate
With Department of Justice
in Making Reductions.

OTHERS MAY DO SAME.

Announcement Follows Conference With Federal Attorney and U. S. Agent.

United States Attorney Ross of Brooklyn announced this morning what he characterized as "another victory for the consumer."

At the request of the management of Frederick Loeser & Co., one of the big Fulton Street department stores in Brooklyn, Mr. Ross, A. W. Riley, head of the "flying squadron" hunting profiteers, and representatives of the store conferred.

Arrangements have been made for other conferences with Brooklyn department store managers this afternoon.

Mr. Ross announced that Loeser's management is anxious to co-operate with the Government in its fight against high costs and is prepared, considering present prices on all goods, to sell a proportion of its merchandise on a smaller margin of profit than heretofore.

Announcement was made that a number of lines of wearing apparel and shoes for men, women and children would be marked down in price, the lines to be selected to be those in greatest demand.

Ross said he hoped that other department stores in Brooklyn will meet the crisis in the same way. Loeser's plan he asserted, was entirely voluntary on the part of the management.

"If this plan becomes general among the big department stores," he said, "it will do more than anything else to lower prices in every retail store. The committee of retail butchers which has agreed with Ross to handle the sale of the army frozen beef supplies reported that it is ready to deliver the beef at the United Abattoir Company, No. 663 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, to all retailers. Ross made public the following wholesale prices: Whole steers, 13 cents per pound; hindquarters, 17 cents per pound, and forequarters, 9 cents per pound. All parts of the beef should sell for between 12 and 25 cents per pound, he said.

Speculative activities in sugar received another setback to-day in the arrest of E. B. Sherburne, member of a leading sugar importing firm in Boston. He was released in \$1,000 bail for hearing Monday before Federal Commissioner Hitchcock.

It is alleged that Mr. Sherburne made an illegitimate profit of more than \$40,000 on 960,000 pounds of San Domingo sugar, which arrived about two weeks ago on the Algonquin and was purchased by him from the Sugar Products Company, No. 16 Exchange Place, at 16 1/2 cents a pound. On April 14, it is charged, he sold the profit to Joseph Reiter, whose store is at No. 157 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, for 2 1/2 cents a pound and sold direct from the pier.

A wholesaler's legitimate profit is 1 cent a pound. Sherburne is alleged to have cleared \$14 cents a pound. His initial investment was \$158,193. The sale netted him \$298,800 gross. Since the retailer's legitimate profit is fixed at 2 cents a pound, this San Domingo sugar, bought by the Bostonian, as alleged for 16 1/2 cents a pound, could not reach the consumer at less than 33 1/2 cents a pound.

Mayor Hylan to-day sent to Mr. Riley letters he received complaining against the high prices charged by grocers and delicatessen stores.

Complaints about combination sales are receiving the attention of the "flying squadron," the members of which say positively that grocers' hoarding of their customers buying other merchandise also get sugar inflated the Lever law.

FAKE BELL-ANS AFTER MEALS and see how the GOOD DIGESTION makes you feel.—Advt.

POLICEMAN TELLS OF FINDING PORTER IN WOMAN'S FLAT

Sorger, in Court, Identifies Ex-Deputy as Man in Raided Apartment.

FRAME-UP IS CHARGED.

Littleton Tries to Show Officers Are Seeking Revenge for Transfers.

Most of the time in to-day's session of the trial in General Sessions of Lieut. Col. Augustus Drum Porter for "neglect of duty" as Third Deputy Police Commissioner was used by Martin W. Littleton, Porter's lawyer, in cross-questioning Hilbert Wheelwright and Fred Sorger, two of the three detectives who declare they caught Porter and a woman companion in a raid and that Porter prevented them from "doing their duty" by arresting the woman.

Littleton attacked their story as a "frame-up" in revenge for Wheelwright and Sorger having been taken from special duty and put on patrol. He attacked the character of the former detectives as shown by their records in other cases; he attacked their veracity and caused them to admit perjury in their previous testimony regarding the raid in Adele Goodell's flat, in which they said they found Porter.

Littleton tried in vain to get Wheelwright to admit that it was not his custom to arrest men and women in making a raid, the object of which was merely to get evidence against the landlady.

DENIES PLAN TO "GET SQUARE" WITH PORTER.

Q. You told a reporter McDonald you knew why you were being transferred? A. Yes.

Q. What was it? A. You'll have to ask Commissioner Enright.

Commissioner Enright was not in the corridor outside the court to-day as he had been yesterday.

Q. Didn't you tell McDonald you were going to resign from the Police Department and you were going to "get square with Porter" by making a charge against him because you had an idea he had something to do with your transfer? A. No.

Q. How long was it after the Inspector told you that you were to be transferred that you went to the District Attorney? A. Three or four days.

Q. How did you happen to go? Why was a subpoena sent to you? A. I don't know.

Q. Didn't Smith tell you that he had the goods on you and Sorger and tell you that if you didn't testify against Porter he would indict you both? A. No.

Smith objected to questions tending

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WINGS ON FEET NEXT THING FOR NEW YORK WOMEN

They're Wearing Birds' Feathers on
Shoes in Paris, and Mme. Crick-
boom Brings Style Here.

WOMEN with wings on their feet will soon be treading Fifth Avenue, according to Mme. Jeanne Crickboom of Paris, who arrived here to-day on the French liner, La Touraine, for a visit. Mme. Crickboom said there are flocks of mercury footed women on the streets of Paris.

"It's the new French style," she explained. "They are wearing birds' wings of all varieties and bright colors as a new ornament for their shoes."

Popular Matinee Wednesday of "Flora" at the Century. Best Seats 52.—Advt.

Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain And Three of Her Children



TUBE TRAINS RUN; JERSEY CITY OPENS WAR ON NEW FARES

Policemen on Guard as Service, at Increased Rate, Is Extended to Hoboken.

Corporation Attorney John Bentley of Jersey City announced to-day that a fight will be started at once against the increased fares on the Hudson Tubes.

The tubes had no sooner restored a small fraction of the long interrupted service than they boosted the interstate fare, making it 6 cents to downtown New York and 10 to uptown.

"We are going to attack not only the increased fares but also the failure of the company to provide adequate service, its failure to remedy the overcrowding of trains, and its failure to keep the cars in a sanitary and well ventilated condition," said Mr. Bentley. "The present situation is disgraceful. The next hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission will be held in New York on April 29."

Mayor Patrick R. Griffin of Hoboken said that city would protest by all means possible at the hearing on the 29th.

Service to Jersey City, reinstated last yesterday afternoon in a more or less irregular way, was begun on schedule at 7 o'clock this morning. At 10 o'clock service was begun to Hoboken, connecting Pennsylvania Station with the Erie and the Lackawanna Railroad.

Four trains, on all of which Jersey City and New York policemen were stationed as a precautionary measure, went into service between Hudson Terminal in Manhattan and Exchange Place, Jersey City.

Will Not Abolish Death Penalty.

ALBANY, April 20.—The Senate by 19 to 25 this afternoon defeated the Bryan bill to abolish the death penalty.

WORLD RESTAURANT.

Stuffed breast of veal and apple sauce, 50c; London broil, fried sweet potatoes, 45c; lamb chops, 50c; 14th St., World Bldg.—Advt.

BANDITS SHOOT TWO ON TRAIN OF SPAIN'S QUEEN IN EFFORT TO STEAL THE ROYAL PLATE

Former Princess Ena of Battenberg and Her Brother, Marquis of Carisbrooke, Have Narrow Escapes From Daring Hold-Up Men—Train Hands Wounded by Fusillade.

SEVILLE, Spain, April 20.—Bandits attacked a train last night on which Queen Victoria and her brother, the Marquis of Carisbrooke, were travelling from Madrid to Seville in an unsuccessful attempt to carry off the royal plate which the Queen was taking with her.

The robbers, who were well armed, opened a regular fusillade when discovered, wounding two of the railway men, one of them probably mortally.

The bandits escaped in a two-horse carriage, leaving no clue to their identity.

GOLD MOUNTED OVERALLS FOR \$40, NEWARK 'BARGAIN'

Bricklayers and Bankers Also Can Get 'Em With Rhinestone Buckles for \$43.50.

RESIDENTS of Newark were trying to figure out whether one of the local merchants is peevish at the overalls movement or merely indulging a playful humor. In his advertising to-day the merchant says he has overalls "for bricklaying, banking, bootmaking, bookkeeping, fishing, school, gardening, banquets, church and the theatre." They are pleasingly priced, he says, as follows:

Plain overalls \$22.50 to \$3.50. Overalls with belts and solid gold, sterling silver and French enamel buckles, from \$10 up. Overalls with rhinestone buckles, \$13.50.

None of the rhinestone-buckle overalls had been seen at Broad and Market up to 2 P. M.

HIGHER PAY FOR ARMY AND NAVY

Officers as Well as Men Will Benefit Under Terms of Agreement Reached in Congress To-Day.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Agreement to increase the pay of the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard and army nursing corps was reached by House and Senate conference to-day.

The amount has not been agreed upon. Any increase fixed will apply to all services, it was agreed. Increases will be granted to officers as well as men.

WILSON AND CABINET IN SESSION AGAIN

Discuss Many Questions During Hour and a Quarter Conference at White House.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—President Wilson met his Cabinet to-day for the second time since his illness interrupted the regular schedule of meetings last fall. As on last Wednesday, when a special meeting was called to consider the railroad strike, Cabinet members went to the President's study in the White House instead of to the regular Cabinet room in the executive offices.

The meeting lasted for an hour and a quarter. It was said that the railroad strike situation and international problems affecting Mexico and Germany were mentioned only in a general way in the discussion of the variety of topics called to the President's attention by his secretary.

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Roughly—Sold—Quoted.
John Muir & Co., 61 Broadway.—Advt.

WILSON HINTS AT CONGRESS SESSION ALL THE SUMMER

Insists That Important Legislation Shall Be Passed Before Adjournment.

By David Lawrence

(Special Correspondent of the Evening World)

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(Copyright 1920)—President Wilson is beginning to torment Congress. Hints have come from the White House that while Mr. Wilson has no desire to keep Congress continuously in session during the hot summer months of the campaign, nevertheless he may consider such a course if the legislative branch of the Government endeavors to adjourn without enacting laws on the several subjects relating to the high cost of living and governmental economy recommended by the Chief Executive.

Congress doesn't want to work here this summer. Individual members are anxious to be in their districts helping themselves and the candidates on the top of their respective tickets. Democrats are equally eager to be in the campaign. But Mr. Wilson is a hard taskmaster and has managed throughout his administration to keep Congress longer at work than any other President in recent years.

QUESTIONS WHICH THE PRESIDENT IS ASKING.

But it is significant that the White House is beginning to ask questions. What, for instance, has Congress done about tariff legislation, excess profits taxes, help for the returned soldiers and sundry other measures?

Of course, Congress voted very properly the other day that the President himself was looking for a summer home and was preparing to betake himself from the National Capitol to some where on the seacoast and some members of Congress thought it meant an armistice and that both branches of the Government could concentrate all their time and attention on politics instead of part of the time as heretofore.

Other members of Congress thought it was a good time to take a sea trip and so scores of them have signed up to go to Japan, Hawaii and the Philippines at a cost of \$1.25 per day on some Government junket, details

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